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Task Force Reviews Strategic Plan Draft and Proposed Statutory Changes

Members of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force reviewed a draft Strategic Plan and proposed changes to its establishing statutory language at their March 13 meeting. Their work was a continuation of the Task Force's effort to define its future roles in the development of criminal justice information integration policy, direction and laws. The plan includes a proposal to combine the Task Force and the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group into a single body operating as an Advisory Group.

Draft strategic plan

The draft strategic plan includes five strategies which would each be the focus of a future Task Force Sub-Committee:

- 1. Simplified and updated data practices that balance public safety and privacy rights, while allowing information sharing at the local, state and federal levels.
- 2. Collaborative relationships with legislature, professional associations and other key stakeholders.
- 3. Funding structure to support ongoing criminal justice information integration.
- 4. Formalized technology education and innovation.
- 5. Uniform criminal justice data and identification standards.

Proposed statute language changes

The Task Force also reviewed some possible changes to their governing statute and acted on several motions related to it. Among the changes acted upon by the Task Force was current language requiring four public members to be appointed by the governor for a six year term.

- A motion to reduce to two the public members appointed by the governor, and add two public members appointed by the Council on Crime and Justice, did not pass.
- A motion to amend the language so that four public members from greater Minnesota and the metro area as approved by the Advisory Group, with the term of the appointment defined in Minnesota Statute §15.059, passed.

The Policy Group will review the Task Force proposals at its March 25 meeting. If they decide to move forward with the proposed changes, Task Force and Policy Group members will receive the list of subgroups along with a request for participation. Task Force members will also receive a copy of its bi-laws so that review of that document can begin.

Legislative Update

- Legislators are considering language on the use and retention of data gathered using License Plate Recognition, or LPR, technology.
- Several clarifications and updates to the state's new expungement law are being considered.
- A funding proposal for replacement of the state's Livescan machines has been presented to the house and senate. Action on budget proposals is not expected until after policy deadlines have passed.
- The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has no policy bills before the legislature this session.

New Task Force Member

Representative Brian Johnson is a retired sheriff's deputy who now represents District 32A.

Among other assignments, Rep. Johnson serves on the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance, and Civil Law and Data Practices committees.

He replaces Rep. Joe Mullery on the Task Force. Welcome Representative Johnson!



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